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SUBJ: LARGE TENT AVAILABILITY

REF: A. BAMA KO 1667; B. BAMA KO 1683; C. STATE 133447

1. WISH TO UNDERScore NECESSITY FOR QUICK MOVEMENT ON PROCUREMENT OF STORAGE TARPS. URGENCY IS PROMPTED BY SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION WHEREBY SIGNIFICANT TOTALS OF GRAIN ARE BLOCKED AT PARAKOU (SEVENTY RAIL CARS FULL) AND AT THE PORT OF ABIDJAN. IF SUFFICIENT TRUCKS CAN BE LOCATED TO MOVE THIS GRAIN BACKLOG, UNUSUALLY LARGE SHIPMENTS WILL START ARRIVING MALI MID-JULY. SOME OF THIS GRAIN WILL HAVE TO BE STORED OUT-OF-DOORS UNDER TARPULINS UNTIL IT CAN BE MOVED TO COVERED STORAGE OR POINTS OF DISTRIBUTION. THUS GOM IS TRYING TO GEAR-UP AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE FOR UNBLOCKED SUPPLY ARRIVAL.

2. CONCERNING FOOD STORAGE TARP REQUEST: WE HAD ALREADY RECEIVED QUESTIONS (LAGOS 5215 AND DAKAR 3065) ON AVAILABILITY TARPS THOSE CITIES PRIOR TO SENDING REFTEL B. BOTH DAKAR AND LAGOS INDICATE AT LEAST ONE MONTH REQUIRED TO FILL ORDERS AND UNCERTAINTY OF TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

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FROM THOSE POINTS MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

3. PRICES INDICATED PARA FOUR REFTEL C SEEM TO INDICATE THAT U.S. TARPS DEFINITELY COMPETITIVE VIS-A-VIS POSSIBLE WEST AFRICAN SOURCES.

4. OUR ABILITY TO SHIP VIA KING GRAIN FLIGHT FROM LANGLEY DIRECT TO VI REGION OF MALI DEFINITELY TIPS SCALE IN DIRECTION OF U.S. PROCUREMENT.

5. REQUEST AID/W TAKE FOLLOWING STEPS:

A. ASCERTAIN WHICH U.S. SUPPLIER CAN FILL GOM ORDER FOR 20M X 10M AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE

B. ASSURE SUPPLIER THAT DOLLARS (R&R) HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR ORDER.

C. EITHER ARRANGE FOR PAYMENT THROUGH PURCHASE ORDER (AS PROVIDED FOR IN LANGUAGE SUGGESTED BAMAKO 1718) OR OBTAIN PRO-FORMA DATA AND CABLE TO EMBASSY FOR GOM PERMITTING LATTER TO OPEN LETTER OF CREDIT HERE IN NAME OF SUPPLIER'S BANK.

D. COORDINATE WITH READINESS COMMAND IN HAVING TARPS PLACED ON KING GRAIN FLIGHT.

Y. GOM DROUGHT COORDINATOR HAS RESERVED DOLLARS 75,000 FOR PROCUREMENT AND TRANSPORT TO LANGLEY OF 20M X 10M TARPS. CONSEQUENTLY, REQUEST ORDER BE PLACED FOR AS MANY TARPS AS FUNDING WILL ALLOW AND THAT INVOICE STOP AT DOLLARS 75,000.

7. WITH RESPECT TO QUALITY-SELECTION OF TARPS, VAGARIES OF INTERNATIONAL MAIL DO NOT RPT NOT PERMIT SELECTION OF TARPS VIA PROCESS MENTIONED PARA SIX REFTEL C. IF WE ARE TO MEET URGENT REQUIREMENT HERE. GOM COORDINATOR PREFERS CANVAS TARPS DUE TO EFFECT OF SUN ON PLASTIC. RECENT AFRICA TDY EXPERIENCE OF JESSIE SNYDER AND HUNTER FARHAM PLACES THEM IN POSITION TO PROVIDE VALUABLE COUNSEL ON QUALITY OF UNCLASSIFIED

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TARPS REQUIRED FOR STORAGE THESE PARTS.

8. ADVISE.

9. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON STORAGE TENTS.
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